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**Attorney Docket No. 016907/1298**

Applicant: Sunao TABATA et al.  
Title: IMAGE COMPRESSION DECODING APPARATUS AND METHOD THEREOF  
Appl. No.: 09/955,312  
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**TRANSMITTAL OF MISSING PARTS  
OF PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Attn: BOX MISSING PARTS

Sir:  
In reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed on October 26, 2001 in the above-identified application, transmitted herewith are the missing parts needed to complete the filing of the subject patent application.

Enclosed are:

- [ X ] Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 pages) (Attached to a copy of the application as filed September 19, 2001)
- [ X ] Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts
- [ X ] English Translation of the application (46 pages) with attached Declaration (37 C.F.R. § 1.52(d)) (1 page)
- [ X ] Formal Drawings (24 sheets, Figures 1-29) (Attached to the English Translation of the application)
- [ X ] Check in the amount of \$1,588.00 in payment of the \$740.00 basic filing fee, the \$588.00 fee for independent claims in excess of three, the \$130.00 surcharge fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e)), and the \$130.00 processing fee for Non-English language specification (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i)).

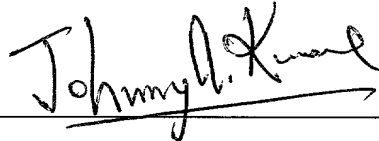
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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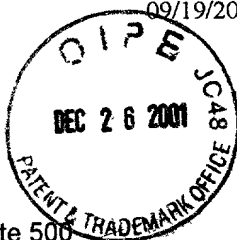
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The application was filed in a language other than English. Applicant is required to provide an English translation of the specification and a statement that the translation is accurate. (See 37 CFR 1.52(d)).
- Applicant must file an English translation of the application, the \$ 130 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i), unless previously submitted, and a statement that the translation is accurate (37 CFR 1.52(d)).
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 970.**
- Because your specification was filed in a language other than English, the Office was unable to determine the number of claims submitted. Additional claim fees may be due once the number of claims can be determined.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing figures contain text that is not in English (including, for example, a flow chart that was originally not in English that has been marked up to include the English text)

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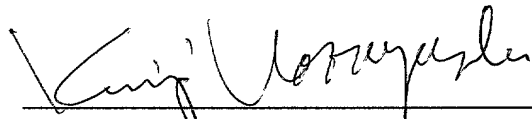
Kenji Kobayashi, residing at 2-46-10 Goko-Nishi, Matsudo-shi, Chiba-ken, Japan, state:

that I know well both the Japanese and English languages;

that I translated, from Japanese into English, the specification, claims, abstract and drawings as filed in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/955,312, filed September 19, 2001; and

that the attached English translation is a true and accurate translation to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated: November 20, 2001

  
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Kenji Kobayashi

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